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SCHOOL REPORT.

DISTRICT NO 1.

PRIMARY DEPARTMENT.

F. M. TWITCHELL, Prudential Committee; Miss MAY L. WOODS, Teacher.

Length of term, 10 weeks. Number of scholars, 33. Average attendance, 25. Wages of teacher, \$20.00 per month.

GRAMMAR DEPARTMENT.

Miss MARY E. OTTERSON, Teacher first term.

Length of term, 10 weeks. Number of scholars, 28. Average attendance, 20. Wages of teacher, \$28.00 per month.

DISTRICT NO. 2.

LEVI COLBY, Prudential Committee; MARY S. ELLENWOOD, Teacher.

Length of term, 11 3-5 weeks. Wages of teacher, \$22.00 per month. Average attendance, 2.

ROLL OF HONOR.

District No. 1. Primary department. First term. Frank W. Dickey, Fred L. Eaton, J. Harvey Balch, Daisy Dickey, Katie Twitchell.

Grammar department. First term. Lottie E. Balch, Florence E. Twitchell, Bertha Twitchell.

District No. 2. First term. James R. Colby, Henry C. Colby.

AMOUNT OF SCHOOL MONEY IN EACH DISTRICT.

District No. 1, \$434 79 | District No. 2, \$66 30

REMARKS.

Citizens: It is my duty at this time to report the condition of our schools during the past year.

Our summer terms were attended with their usual degree of prosperity, but our winter schools in District No. 1 (in which belong all the scholars in town with the exception of three) scarlet fever has prevailed, closing schools, discouraging parents, teachers, and scholars. Thanks be to God. He has not suffered that fearful disease to take away any of our children but let them remain with us to educate for this, and the other world.

The Grammar school is in session, about two thirds of the scholars are in attendance, taught by a teacher that has tact, patience, firmness, and wisdom, qualities that teachers must possess in order to be successful. He governs his pupils so that they feel no oppression.

It is customary for Superintendents to write sermons, taking for thier texts, common school education. You can find them recorded in the annual reports of the Superintendent of Public Instruction. They are chapters of lamentations, bewailing the defects so numerous in our common schools. Parents, it would be well for you to read them. You may learn nothing new, for they tell this same old story.

Prudential committees are not what they should be. They do not visit the schools, pay too small wages, employ poor teachers, furnish poor wood, &c. Superintending school committees are not considered perfect. They license teachers whose literary qualifications are good, but guess at other qualities they ought to possess that are equally essential. (To bad).

Parents are censured. They do not visit the schools. They condemn teachers from heresay evidence in the presence of their children. They are unreasonable in their demands upon the teachers. They do not assist their children in their lessons at home &c. &c. Those are a few of the many charges brought against us by Superintending school committees of this state. Are we guilty or not guilty.

Respectfully submitted,

W. D. Woods, *Superintendent of Schools.*

FINANCIAL REPORT

OF THE

TOWN OF BENNINGTON,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 3rd, 1885.

The selectmen to the town,

DR.

To uncollected taxes on H. J. Burt's list of 1880,	\$ 34 20
On J. F. Dodge's list of 1882,	10 49
" " " 1883,	537 36
" G. P. Griswold's list of 1884,	3,317 43- \$3,899 48

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By paying G. A. Whittemore, Town Treasurer, from J. F. Dodge's list of 1882,	\$ 1 14
Abatement " " "	9 35
Uncollected on Burt's list 1880,	34 20
" " Dodge's " 1883,	220 26
Paid G. A. Whittemore, Treasurer, on Dodge's list 1883,	289 86
Abatement on Dodge's list 1883,	27 24
Paid G. A. Whittemore, Treasurer, on Griswold's list 1884,	3,243 92
Uncollected on Griswold's list,	40 30
Abated on " "	33 21- \$3,899 48

G. A. Whittemore, Treasurer to the Town,

DR.

To balance in Treasury March 3, 1884,	\$ 126 28
March 19, received of John D. Butler note and interest,	621 53
Received of J. F. Dodge, Collector 1882,	1 14
" " " " 1883,	289 86
" " G. P. Griswold, " 1884,	3,243 92
" from County for support of Stearns family to March 17,	54 15
" from County for support of Dimond family to March 17,	39 26
" from County for support of Dimond family to Sept. 15,	82 85
" from Town of Antrim, one-half ex- pense of repairs on Thompson bridge,	152 30
" of S. A. Walker, interest on note,	17 62
" " Geo. Brown, license on pool table,	10 00
" " F. M. Twitchell, rent Town Hall,	31 25
" " State Treasurer, R. R. tax,	28 08
" " " " Savings Bank tax,	585 18
" " " " Literary Fund,	44 80- \$5,328 22

CR.

By paying Non-resident highway receipts, 32 81

NOTES AND INTEREST PAID.

By paying Mrs. Hodskins March 3, 1884,	\$ 25 00
" " " Rachel Wilson on note,	50 00
" " " C. R. Whittemore on note,	60 00
" " Alfred Rogers, interest,	18 40
" " Mrs. Hodskins, Mar. 2, 85 on note,	25 00
" " Dorcus P. Flagg, interest,	47 04
" " John W. Flagg, " "	53 76
" " Wesley Wilson on R. Wilson's note,	6 28
" " Wm. Eaton, interest,	33 60
" " Cong. society Dodge note,	8 00- \$327 08
" " interest on Town Bonds,	\$404 00

ROADS AND BRIDGES.

J. L. King, lumber,	\$ 3 75	
Robert R. Wilson, labor,	3 75	
J. L. King, lumber,	45 33	
N. E. Dickey, labor,	3 00	
Geo. Ross, "	4 88	
Herbert Eaton, "	4 88	
C. B. Stewart, "	2 50	
A. C. Bullard, "	1 90	
Levi Colby, "	5 03	
R. V. Knight, use road machine,	2 25	
Alfred Gray, labor,	16 00	
Chas. Balch, "	1 65	
B. D. Felch, "	6 51	
J. W. Flagg, "	6 50	
H. Lakin, "	75	
W. S. Carkin, "	5 63	
J. G. Hudson, "	15 90	
James Favor, "	8 43	
James Favor, "	75	
Frank Taylor, "	6 50	
J. L. King, labor and lumber,	11 27	
J. L. King, millstone for culvert,	2 00	
J. C. Dodge,	3 00	
For repairs Thompson bridge,	304 59	
For one half repairs Baldwin bridge,	76 25-	\$543 00

BREAKING ROADS.

By paying B. D. Felch for year 1883,	\$ 5 70
" David Roach,	4 86
" Geo. Woodbridge,	10 00
" A. C. Bullard,	3 97
" Warren Gillis,	4 50
" Warren Gillis, 1883,	4 00
" Levi Colby,	10 65
" R. V. Knights,	75
" Alfred Gray,	3 60
" Sam'l. Newton,	90
" Sam'l. Newton,	7 50
" Chas. Balch, 1884,	3 45
" Chas. Balch, 1885,	2 60
" B. D. Felch,	3 15

"	E. A. Holt,	6 55	
"	J. W. Flagg,	1 50	
"	John Goodhue, (2 bills).	3 38	
"	James Quimby, (2 bills).	6 75	
"	W. S. Carlin,	3 50	
"	Dinsmore Dodge,	3 00	
"	J. G. Hudson,	2 40	
"	Benj. Bullard,	2 40	
"	David Roach,	90	
"	Warren Gillis,	3 25	
"	John D. Cooper,	3 25	
"	Hadley Truman,	2 25	
"	R. V. Knight,	2 25	
"	James Favor,	3 30	
"	Wm. H. Darrah,	4 15	
"	Frank Taylor,	4 00	
"	John C. Dodge,	6 70	
"	Geo. Brown.	2 00-	\$127 16

BOUNTY ON WILD ANIMALS.

Bounty on	96 woodchucks,	10c	\$9 60	
"	" 1 Bushel of grasshoppers,		1 00-	\$10 60

MONEY PAID TOWN OFFICERS.

By paying	Benj. D. Felch for 1883 supervisor,	\$4 00	
"	Moses Newton " "	4 00	
"	H. J. Burt, supervisor 1884,	8 00	
"	Moses Newton " "	8 00	
"	B. D. Felch " "	8 00	
"	A. M. Dodge, librarian,	27 00	
"	W. D. Woods, S. S. Committee,	18 00	
"	W. H. Darrah, Town Clerk,	25 00	
"	G. A. Whittemore, Town Treas.,	25 00	
"	T. M. Twitchel, janitor,	10 00	
"	J. C. Dodge, 1st Selectman,	50 00	
"	J. L. King, 2d " "	40 00	
"	B. F. George, 3d " "	55 00	
"	" Moderator,	2 00	
"	G. P. Griswold, Collector,	49 76-	\$333 76

EXPENSES FIRE DEPARTMENT.

By paying F. B. Gould, care engine,	\$25 00	
“ “ alcohol and oil,	2 10	
“ F. M. Twitchell, Clerk,	65 00	
“ G. Alfred Whittemore,	18 00-	\$110 10

SUPPORT OF PAUPERS

By paying milk for Stearns family,	90	
“ C. E. Eaton, goods for Stearns family,	67	
“ Dimond family to March 15,	6 59	
“ F. Taylor moving Stearns. family,	3 50	
“ C. E. Eaton goods, Dimond,		
Mar. 15 to May 30,	44 23	
“ C. E. Eaton goods, Dimond,		
June to Sept. 15,	38 62	
“ C. E. Eaton, goods, Dimond,		
to Feb. 7,	58 35	
“ S. B. Strickland putting up tramps,	11 25-	\$164 11

Money paid for prosecuting criminals to be paid by the county.

By paying expenses in Pat Cassion case,	\$ 15 00	
“ Kirk D. Pierce, expenses in suit		
against Sargent and Bailey,	24 98-	\$39 98

SHEEP KILLED BY DOGS.

By paying Warren Gillis, 1,	3 00	
“ Levi Colby, 3,	15 00-	\$18 00

SCHOOL ORDERS.

By paying Levi Colby,	66 30	
“ F. M. Twitchell,	434 89-	\$501 19

WATERING TROUGHS.

By paying Wm. Taylor,	\$3 00	
“ Levi Colby,	3 00	
“ Moses Newton,	3 00	
“ B. D. Felch, 1883,	3 00	
“ “ 1884,	3 00-	\$15 00

MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES.

By paying Crawford & Stockbridg, binding.	\$ 10 95	
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"	Chas. Kimball, express,	50	
"	J. F. Ireland, work Town House,	1 44	
"	A. M. Dodge, clean'g library room,	50	
"	recording G. Brown's license,	50	
"	Library Com. to support Library,	10 00	
"	F. M. Twitchell, repr. road machine	2 50	
"	S. D. Downes, nails, powder, fuse,	2 77	
"	F. M. Twitchell, expenses Town		
	Hall,	20 45	
"	Stationery,	45	
"	J. C. Dodge, expenses to Concord,	2 60	
"	" stationery,	4 17	
"	" unloading scraper		
	and team,	2 00	
"	F. M. Twitchell, changing hearse		
	to runners,	12 11	
"	Wm. Taylor, snowing bridge,	3 50	
"	S. N. Ball, printing reports,	16 00	
"	S. Forsaith, cupola,	2 75	
"	Dr. Anthoine, reporting births		
	and deaths 1883,	2 50	
"	Dr. Anthoine, reporting births		
	and deaths 1884,	2 25	
"	H. J. Burt, check-list blanks	1 35	
"	A. W. Gray, Coffin's bill for		
	badges for firewards,	3 38-	\$102 67

ROAD MACHINE.

By paying J. Hadlock for Machine,	\$250 00	
" Freight on "	6 90-	\$256 90

SLATING TOWN HOUSE.

By paying H. F. Bond, (slate and labor)	\$313 87	
" Geo. R. Dodge, (Teaming slate)	4 00-	\$317 87
By paying County tax,	\$349 44	
" State "	480 00-	\$829 44

NEW HIGHWAY.

By paying T. C. Whittemore, land damage,	\$ 25 00	
" Orison Smith, " "	30 00	
" G. W. Burns, " "	30 00	
" W. D. Wood, building road,	180 00-\$	265 00

RECAPITULATION.

Money and receipts put into Treasurer's hands,
 from March 1st, 1884, to March
 3d, 1885, \$5,328 22

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By paying the following sums :

Non-resident highway receipts,	\$ 32 81
Notes and interest on town debt,	327 08
Interest on town bonds,	404 00
On account roads and bridges,	543, 00
Bounty on wild animals,	10 60
Town Officers,	333 76
Fire Department,	110 10
Breaking Roads,	127 16
Support Paupers,	164 11
Prosecuting Criminals,	39 98
Sheep killed by dogs,	18 00
School Orders,	501 19
Road Machine,	256 90
Watering Troughs,	15 00
Miscellaneous Expenses,	102 67
Slating Town House,	317 87
County and State Taxes,	829 44
New Highway,	265 00— \$4,398 67

Taxes abated on Griswold's list, 1884.

Geo. Ross, under age,	\$ 1 48
Arthur Smith,	1 48
John Newton,	1 48
Wm. Hogetton,	1 48
John Hodgman,	1 48
Geo. Thomas,	1 48
Oliver Wilson,	1 48
Timothy Murphy,	1 48
Geo. C. Stephens,	1 48
Sally West,	2 94
Mrs. Warren Stevens,	6 61
John Flagg, paid in Hancock,	1 48
Geo. L. Herrick, " " Antrim,	2 94
Scott S. Miller, " " Hillsboro',	1 48

James Shea,	" " Hancock,	1 48	
Clarence Sawyer,	" " Antrim,	1 48	
John Welch,	" " Hancock,	1 48—	\$33 21

Abatement on Dodge's list of 1883.

F. L. Dickey,	\$1 65	
Scott Miller,	1 66	
Milo Morrison,	1 65	
Granville Williams,	1 65	
Ed. Ward,	1 65	
Andrew Stevens Est ,	7 43	
Geo. C. Stevens,	1 65	
Orville A. Wilson,	1 65	
W. D. and Mrs. W, D. Woods, overtax,	8 25—	\$27 24

Abatements on Dodge's list of 1882.

John Newton.	2 33	
P. Munhall,	1 17	
John Conner,	1 17	
Ed. Ward,	1 17	
John White,	1 17	
Orville Wilson.	1 17	
Harry Holt,	1 17—	\$9 35

TOWN LIABILITIES.

Cong. society note given by John Dodge,	\$ 200 00	
Alfred Rogers, March 1st, 1885	460 00	
Doreus P. Flagg, " " "	1,176 00	
John W. Flagg, " " "	1,314 00	
C. S. A. Hodskins " " "	90 45	
Wesley Wilson for Rachel Wilson note taken up,	135 00	
William Eaton, March 1st, 1885,	840 00	
Ctara R. Whittemore, note,	549 36	
Town Bonds. March 1st, 1885,	10,000 00—	\$14,794 81

Against the indebtedness we have the following assets :

Uncollected taxes on Burt's list, 1880,	\$ 34 20
" " " Dodge's " 1883,	220 26
" " " Griswold's list, 1884,	40 30
S. A. Walker's note,	40 00
Due from County for support of paupers,	58 35

" " " " prosecuting criminals,	39 98	
" " State, bounty on wild animals,	10 60	
Cash in Treasurer's hands,	929 55-	\$1,373 24
Liabilities March 1, 1885,		\$14,794 81
Assets " " "		1,373 24
Net Liabilities March 1, 1885,		\$13,421 67
" " " " 1884,		13,474 68
Debt decreased during the year,		\$53 01
Bennington, March 3d, 1885.		

This certifies that we have examined the above report of the Selectmen and Treasurer and find it accurately cast and properly vouched.

HARTWELL LAKIN } *Auditors.*
HENRY J. BURTT, }



TOWN LIBRARY

We present again for your information the Annual Statement of your Library which it gives us pleasure to report in a very prosperous condition. Upon our annual examination of the books, we found them in good condition and everything that related to the library, kept in the very best possible order, which demonstrates that the Librarian, Mrs. Edward I. Dodge, had performed her every duty faithfully and we cheerfully recommend that she be retained in her present position. We extend thanks to Mrs. Abby M. Whittemore, for her donation of books, and to all others who have contributed in money and efforts towards the enlargement of this institution. The library was opened in 1880 with 235 Vols., and by our efforts and the contributions of friends, it now reaches 543 Vols. This demonstrates that the interest in the library is on the increase, which is very gratifying to your committee.

Chas. H. Kimdall, }
 Albert B. Lawrence, } Library Com.
 John F. Dodge, }

TREASURER'S REPORT.

DR.

Cash brought over from 1884,	\$ 2 25	
Mar. 13, from Miss Burtt the proceeds of Entertainment,	12 10	
May 12, from Frank Taylor proceeds of Dramatic Entertainment,	20 00	
Feb. 20, 1885, from Librarian, cash rec'd for fines,	3 75	
Mar. 9, from the selectmen as per vote of the town,	10 00-	\$48 10

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Jan. 20, 1885, paid for paper,	\$ 45	
Feb. 28, paid express on books,	45	
Mar. 3, paid Lockwood Brooks & Co. for books,	30 42	
Postage and stationery,	14	
Cash on hand,	16 64-	\$48 10

JOHN F. DODGE, Treasurer,

We further report that the expense of lighting the library room has been paid by the librarian from funds received from the sale of catalogues and fines, amounting to 39 cents, and she now has 8 cents left in her hands All of which we respectfully submit.

C. H. KIMBALL,
A. B. LAWRENCE, } Library Com.
JOHN F. DODGE, }

REPORT OF FIREWARDS

In compliance with Section 11, Chapter 106 of the General Laws.

The Board of Firewards submit the following report of the condition of the Fire Departments of Bennington, for the year ending Feb. 25, 1885.

The Company as at present organized, consists of twenty-eight men.

APPARATUS

Merrimack Engine No. 1, in good order and fully equipped.

HOSE.

50 feet double linen rubber lined hose in good condition.

250 feet linen rubber lined hose in good condition.

50 feet linen rubber lined hose in fair condition.

150 feet leather double, riveted hose, in fair condition.

50 feet leather, single riveted hose, old.

Also fire hook, 2 rubber coats, 4 lanterns, owned by the company.

There has been no fires or alarms during the past year. The Company practiced with the machine during the summer and it was found in good condition at each trial.

Respectfully submitted

A. W. Gray,
A. B. Lawrence, } Firewards.
F. M. Twitchell, }

REPORT OF THE SEXTON TO MARCH 1st, 1885.

NAME	AGE. y.m.d.	DIED. 1884.	DISEASE.	PLACE OF INTERMENT.
John H. Fleming	70 3 20	Mar. 12	Apoplexy.	Bennington.
Mrs. Clarisa Darrah,	74 19	" 30	"	"
Mrs. Rachel Wilson,	70	Sept. 25	Heart Dis.	"
Mrs. Caroline Burt,	49 4 27	Oct. 19	" "	Greenfield.
Joel B. Smith,	78 9 15	Dec. 2	Sft'g Brain	Antrim.
Mrs. Betsy E Martin,	75 1 14	" 14	Congs Liv.	Bennington.
Lester W. Ames,	2 8 10	" "	Ty'd Fever	"
Mary Kate Cassion,	5 5 2	Jan 11 '85	Gastritis.	Peterboro'.
Richard Bishop,	67	" 29	Cancer.	"
Hilderman S. Burt,	16 10 14	Feb 16	Ty'd Fever with Double Pneu.	Bennington.
Samuel Baldwin.	82 8 3	" 18	Ty'd Fever	"

Brought to this place for interment.

				Brought from.
Mrs. Almira Robinson	71 9 2	Mar. 1	Loc'm. At'a	Hancock.
Richard Hathaway,	74 11 14	May 14	Consumptn	N'dham, Ms
Hannah C. Stephens,	78 4 16	" 21	Gen Debl'y	Nashua.
Harry D. Holt,	26 8 22	June 2	Consumptu	Stoddard.

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